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Evangelicals Is Asked By Paper

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — Noting "growing evidence of the uneasiness of evangelicals over their fragmentation," a leading Protestant magazine has called for a new association of Christians "loyal to traditional biblical principles."

Christianity Today, a conservative bi-weekly with 100,000 circulation, said in its June 9 issue that it is "appalling to think that millions of American evangelicals who believe alike on the essentials of Christianity have never linked themselves together for any venture of faith other than Billy Graham crusades."

The magazine estimated the number of conservative "evangelicals" who might join such an association at "40 million in the United States alone."

"For a long time evangelicals have been engaged in a defense of their faith against liberal critics," said editor Dr. Carl F. H. Henry. "Many of us now feel we have a faith to project as well as to protect."

But Dr. Henry added such an association should not be regarded as "necessarily competitive with the National and World Councils of Churches," and was not a proposal for a new denomination.

A "corporate manifestation of biblical faith" should include evangelicals from Methodist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Negro, Baptist and independent denominations, the magazine said.

Christianity Today held many evangelicals are not "authentically represented" in the present conciliar movement, and suggested an answer "may well lie in a

church - by - church identification in addition to, if not in place of, present conciliar ties."

Among steps to be taken toward such an association, an editorial proposed:

—A poll to determine how many evangelicals are interested in such cooperation;
—A mass - circulation weekly evangelical newsmagazine; and

—Special services to evangelicals (Continued on page 2)

FMB Reports On Middle East Missionaries

"We won't know what the situation is until the dust is settled," says Dr. John D. Hughey of the bur-day Middle East war which has apparently ended with the acceptance of a cease-fire by the major antagonists.

Secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Hughey was one of the approximately 3,000 Americans evacuated from Beirut, Lebanon. He arrived in Richmond, Va., late Thursday night, June 8.

He is confident about the welfare of missionaries still in the Middle East. He brought recent reports from all except the three stationed in Yemen.

Gaza and Lebanon missionaries have been evacuated, with the exception of three in each place who chose to stay at their posts. Those in Gaza are Dr. David C. Dorr, Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Jr., and Nurse Marilyn Sheaffer, who has married a Christian Arab; those in Lebanon, Rev. and Mrs. Finlay M. Graham and Rev. James K. Ragland.

Dr. Hughey says that evidently it was impossible to arrange an evacuation of Americans from Jordan. However, missionaries in Beirut have been in contact with

those in Jordan, and all are well.

Dr. Hughey went to Beirut last weekend to consult with missionaries concerning the crisis which exploded into a war on Monday, June 5. He met immediately with all the missionaries in Lebanon, including those who had been evacuated from Gaza.

He reiterated the Board's policy—that of backing each missionary fully in his decision concerning what he ought to do. "The ultimate decision is an individual one," he told them. "But the individual needs to be guided by the judgment of his fellow missionaries, the Foreign Mission Board and its staff, U. S. Embassy officials, and others."

"The Board never asks that

Jerusalem Shrines Reported Not Hurt

JERUSALEM (RNS) — As far as can be determined from detailed reports issued by both Israeli and Jordanian spokesmen, the fighting in Jerusalem has not yet damaged any of the area's sacred shrines. Neither country had yet replied (June 6) to Pope Paul's plea that Jerusalem be treated as an open city.



Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, holds policy statement on "Christian Citizenship" that was released by the Christian Action Commission just prior to Religious Liberty Sunday, June 18. Others present include, from left: Claude Townsend, Florence, state Convention president; B. W. Rives, Jackson, Commission member; Dr. Hensley; Rev. James Walker, Flora, commission member, and Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson, member of Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., which sponsors the observance of Religious Liberty Sunday.

Christian Citizenship Policy Statement Given

The Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention has released a policy statement on "Christian Citizenship" which declares that "the Christian has a dual citizenship — one, his natural birthright, and the other, his spiritual birthright."

This is another in a series of policy statements being released by the commission, of which Rev. E. F. Hicks of Waynesboro is chairman.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, the commission's executive director, said, "We have

chosen the week prior to Religious Liberty Sunday, which is June 18, to release this statement.

"Our religious freedom is a part of the heritage of Christian Citizenship. If this heritage is to be perpetuated to our children's children, we, too, must exercise ourselves in worthy citizenship activities."

The text of the statement follows: "The Christian holds a dual citizenship — one, his natural birthright, and the other, his spiritual birthright, for 'our citizenship is in heaven'. Civil government has its ultimate source in God 'for the powers that be are ordained of God'—Romans 13:1. Thus, the State and those under authority are both responsible to God. Should there be conflicts in the realm of Christian conscience, 'we must obey God rather than men'—Acts 5:29. The Christian citizen will pray for all those in authority over us—I Timothy 2:1-4. Christian citizenship involves payment of taxes and government costs as Jesus taught in Matthew 22:21—'Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesars'—also, Romans 13:7. The Christian citizen will obey the laws as the Bible teaches in Romans 13:1-2 and in 1 Peter 2:13-17. He who is willing for the law to be violated is also an offender against the spirit of the law."

"Liberty without law is anarchy. The Christian citizen upholds liberty limited by law for the protection of all, the criminal, we assert that the rights of the 'law abiding citizen' must also be protected. Liberty against law is rebellion. For the control of the criminal element in society, it is necessary and it is right to use might to force might to do right; therefore, we commend the support of all constituted authority in the enforcement of law."

"Christian citizenship magnifies the ballot box; free speech, free press, free courts and the respect of all properly accredited authority. Government may be betrayed by intelligence as well as mastered by ignorance, so our nation should be spared the bad citizenship of good people. It is cheap dignity and a selfish

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Editorials Differ On SBC Action

By The Baptist Press

Did the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach turn a corner and start a new trend toward more involvement in social action ministries whereby churches become involved in changing the world?

Editorials in more than a dozen state papers gave differing viewpoints, but most seemed to agree that the convention charted a middle-of-the-road course which emphasized both a new awareness of social needs along with the traditional emphasis on missions and evangelism.

The editorials also generally agreed that the 1967 convention may be ready to break out of historic confines.

"The messengers were ready to take a fresh look at proposals which in other years would have been shouted down as radical," said the Baptist Standard editorial.

Editorials in Baptist state papers in such states as Indiana, Florida, and District of Columbia, Illinois and California observed that the emphasis on "social action" in the convention speeches was significant.

But editorials in the Mississippi, Colorado, and Ohio papers countered that the convention was not a turning point in the denomination toward more social action.

"It is possible that this convention was a turning point," said the Baptist Record of Mississippi. "But if it was that, it was turning back to the old gospel emphasis and away from the trends toward social action, which some Southern Baptists would have us take."

"Southern Baptists are not turning from their major emphasis, but simply are hearing calls for better implementation of it," said the Mississippi paper.

The Colorado Rocky Mountain Baptist saw the "present day so-called 'social action' emphasis as nothing more or less than the 'social gospel' fostered by religionists of a generation ago."

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Auto Crash Kills Two Returning From Convention

LA GRANGE, Ga. (BP)—A Tennessee Baptist Convention executive was injured and his mother and mother-in-law killed in a two-car crash on a rain-slick highway near here while returning from the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

Listed in fair condition at City -/County Hospital here was Wallace Anderson, program services manager of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville. Anderson suffered face and chest injuries, and was expected to be released from the hospital on June 8.

His mother, Mrs. Ernest Anderson, 58, of Crossville, Tenn., and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Iva Mai Gray, 65, of Bainbridge, Ga., were killed in the crash.

Also receiving minor injuries in the crash was Miss June Anderson, 34, of Crossville, Tenn., Anderson's sister.

A Georgia Highway Patrol trooper said Wallace's car collided head-on with a vehicle which went out of control on rain-slick U.S. Highway 27, near here.

Baptist Heritage Observance Set For Week Beginning Sunday

The week following the third Sunday in June is designated as Baptist Heritage Week throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. This emphasis begins with Religious Liberty Sunday.

Sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the emphasis for the week is "Know your denomination historically."

Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Historical Commission said, "If we know our denomination historically we will be reviewing our heritage as Baptists."

Baptist Heritage Week was placed in the Denominational Calendar upon recommendation of the Historical Commission in 1961, and the observance of Religious Liberty Sunday was recommended by the Joint Committee at the same time. Since then the events have been promoted annually by the Commission and the Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The week offers opportunity for focusing attention upon those things inherited from Baptists of previous generations — beliefs, practices, institutions, and endowments. "The basis of our heritage

roots deep in New Testament teaching, and its transmission is related to the faithfulness of Christian stewards. To neglect our heritage may result in a failure to understand our world mission," Woolley said.

"Baptists believe that every Christian is competent to worship God and practice his religion without interference from state or ecclesiastical council," said C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Joint Commission on Public Affairs.

Action came after a judiciary subcommittee voted 6 to 1 for the measure, following several days of hearings.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.) chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said he voted for the bill, but doubted its constitutionality. Calling it "a bad bill," he said, "Who can vote against such a bill? It's like mother-

hood."

Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D., Mich.) who cast the lone vote against the bill in the subcommittee, said he believes the act of burning the flag could be a "symbolic act of free speech" and that proposed prohibition collides with the First Amendment.

The legislation is a trimmed - down version of earlier bills considered by the subcommittee. The bill declares that "Whoever casts contempt upon any flag of the United States by publicly mutilating, defacing, defiling, burning, or trampling upon it shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both."

The bill provides that state and local laws against desecration of the flag would continue to exist and that violators could be prosecuted under these instead of the federal law.

Subcommittee chairman Byron G. Rogers (D., Colo.) said he hopes to push the bill through the House on Flag Day (June 14).

Sen. Norris Cotton (R., N.H.) told the Senate that he thought it would have a good "psychological effect" if the Senate joined the House in passing the bill on Flag Day.

Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen (R., Ill.) author of one of the Senate measures to prohibit desecration of the flag, said:

"We have waited to see whether the House would act on the bill... If they will act, certainly the Senate will take immediate action."



Robert Sneed

Music Week Set For Gulfshore

Youth Vocal - Choral Week, June 19-24, will inaugurate the regular 1967 summer program at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian.

The event will be sponsored by the Church Music Department, Dan C. Hall, secretary.

The highlight of the week will be a concert by three combined choirs on Friday night at 7:30 under direction of James Woodward, director of the Church Music Department of Oklahoma Baptist

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Harold N. Gully

Student Director Named For MSU

Harold N. Gully, for the past nine years director of Baptist Student Work at Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., has resigned to take a similar post at Mississippi State University, beginning July 1.

He will succeed Rev. Cabby Byrne who resigned several months ago to accept the position of director of Baptist student affairs at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

Mr. Gully, a native of Neshoba County, is a graduate of Mississippi State University as well as New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Prior to going to Auburn he held several positions in the state, including that of associate in the State Baptist Brotherhood Department, director of Baptist student work for Hinds County Baptist Association and director of Baptist student work for Pearl River Junior College.

Mrs. Gully is a native of Columbia and an alumna of MSCW. They have three children: Ronnie, 8; Robin, 6, and Ginger, 3.

SBC MISSION GIFTS Reach \$27.8 MILLION

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention contributions to world missions for the first five months of the year hit a total of \$27.8 million at the end of May, the SBC Executive Committee reported here.

The \$27.8 million figure includes a total of \$10,400,113 in gifts through the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget plan, and an additional \$17,317,700 to designated missions causes contributed to specified programs and organizations.

The total is an increase of \$1.4 million or 5.53 per cent over the grand total for the same five - month period in 1966, the Executive Committee reported. Last year the total for the same five months was \$26.3 million.

Both designated gifts and contributions through the Cooperative Program continued their upward swing, the report indicated.

The \$10.4 million Cooperative Program total was an increase of \$773,340 or nearly eight per cent over Cooperative Program contributions for the first five months of 1966 when \$9.7 million was given.

The \$17.3 million to designated causes was an increase of \$688,360 over the 1966 designated contributions, an in-

crease of 4.11 per cent.

During the month of May alone, a total of \$4.5 million was contributed; including \$2,176,962 in Cooperative Program gifts, and \$2,355,207 in designated contributions.

State Receipts Gain For Year; Drop In May

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first seven months of this convention year, ending May 31, totaled \$1,895,354.89, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary - treasurer.

This is an increase of \$182,473.34, or 10.7 percent over the \$1,712,881.55 given the same period a year ago.

Receipts for May totaled \$228,108.07, a decrease of \$39,337.00 or 20.8 percent under the \$268,045.00 contributed in May a year ago.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.

Editorials Differ On SBC Action

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The District of Columbia Capital Baptist, however, disagreed. "There will be those who will cry, 'social gospel,'" said the editorial. Let them cry. The world is moving too fast to even sit down and debate with these Southern Baptists put their hand to the plow—there can be no turning back."

The Capital Baptist said that Southern Baptists discovered in this convention that there is a world in need. "It was at this convention that we began to spell it out in the daily issues of life, poverty, birth control, war, peace, etc."

The great majority of the editorials, however, said the convention took a middle-of-the-road interpretation of the significance of the social action emphases in convention messages.

The Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland, California and Indiana papers, for example, each said there was a good balance between an emphasis on the church's involvement in meeting world needs, and on evangelism and missions.

"Baptists are coupling a growing social awareness to their strong evangelistic emphasis," said the California Southern Baptist.

"Southern Baptists may yet demonstrate that the relationship between social responsibility and evangelistic activity is not an 'either-or' but a both-and." There is no evidence at all that Baptists will lessen their emphasis on evangelism but there is a good reason to believe they will be taking more interest in society," said the California paper.

The North Carolina Biblical Recorder went a step further, saying that social action and evangelism are not only compatible, but that this approach should receive "a stronger emphasis in SBC life in the crucial years ahead."

The Missouri Word and Way added, however, that the discussion of social issues did not mean that Southern Baptists are changing their minds in regard to the importance of, or priority of, a personal salvation.

Stating that the words "in-

volvement" and "change" was the recurring "high tide" of the convention, the Illinois Baptist observed that "whether the new vocabulary is a tide that will surely win, or a mere wave that breaks in failure, is yet to be seen."

Most of the editorials agreed that missions and evangelism seemed to be given a continued strong emphasis at the convention. This is where the emphasis ought to be, observed the Ohio Baptist Messenger.

The most highly-publicized issue to crop up during the convention, the war in Vietnam and world peace, drew much less comment in the Baptist state papers than the issue of social action.

Convention said "Hawkish"

Most of the editorials commenting on the actions by the convention adopting a resolution on Vietnam and receiving a carefully worded "peace" statement from the SBC Christian Life Commission observed that the convention was "hawkish" rather than "dovish" in its stand.

"What started out as a statement on 'peace' almost became a 'declaration of war,'" said an editorial in the Indiana Baptist, which observed that the "convention wanted victory and not withdrawal in Vietnam."

Added the Georgia Christian Index: "The 'hawks' were in the decided majority. It is obvious that Southern Baptists, individually and collectively, back the U.S. policy in Southeast Asia . . ."

An editorial in the Colorado Rocky Mountain Baptist took issue with the Christian Life Commission's statement on the Vietnam war, and chided the commission for inviting Oregon Sen. Mark Hatfield, classed as a 'dove', to speak following their report. "Nothing should be done," said the editorial, "to cause the least doubt, on the part of our men in Vietnam, as to our complete support of their every effort."

On another major convention issue, the ecumenical movement, the editorials generally observed that Southern Baptists are not ready to join any effort toward organic union of denominations, but there seemed to be, in the

words of the Florida Baptist Witness, "very definitely a lessening of Baptist exclusiveness."

The California Southern Baptist called the speeches on the ecumenical movement "a remarkable shift in outlook . . . among Southern Baptists."

The convention referred to its Executive Committee a proposal that the SBC study the possibility of cooperation with other evangelical groups with particular reference to "witness and evangelism."

The Colorado Rocky Mountain Baptist didn't like the proposal, saying the ecumenical crowd does not emphasize the Bible as Baptists do. The District of Columbia Capital Baptist, however, charged that the proposal would move Southern Baptist closer to the smaller sects and farther away from the main stream of Protestantism.

"This though is about as outdated in the minds of young people of today's world as the horse and buggy," said the Capital Baptist.

On still another issue, most of the editorials were agreed that the proposal to reappoint membership of 15 SBC commissions and institutional boards by rotating representation among smaller states in the SBC would probably

come up again, despite its defeat by the 1967 convention.

Says Mistake Made

The Georgia Christian Index said the convention probably made a mistake in not accepting the proposal, while the Colorado paper said that the convention made the right decision.

Other editorial comments chided the convention messengers for not staying through the closing sessions, called for more time for miscellaneous business sessions, urged re-scheduling of the Pastors' Conference and auxiliary meetings and a general re-thinking of the convention schedule.

Said the South Carolina Baptist Courier in summary: "The proper adjectives to describe the just-completed Southern Baptist Convention are 'good, harmonious, successful, routine, but uneventful, unimaginative and only moderately inspiring.'"

"Good but not great," echoed the Mississippi Baptist Record. "Overall, it gave one the feeling that our convention is growing up and reaching a greater measure of maturity," said the Alabama Baptist.

The majority of the editorials in other state Baptist papers seemed to agree.



Rev. Leon Bell, (right), dean of the Central Center of Mississippi Baptist seminary, Jackson, receives plaque in appreciation for his services following his resignation from this post which he has held since 1959. Making presentation is Dr. Russell M. McIntire, Clinton, chairman of Holding Board of Central center of Seminary, as Dr. Wm. P. Davis, Jackson, Seminary president, looks on. Mr. Bell resigned to become coordinator of student work and religious counselor at Jackson State College.

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a missionary expose himself to danger. It values the work being done by missionaries and wants that work to continue as long as possible. But the lives of missionaries are more important than programs of work or institutions."

A few of the missionaries evacuated from Gaza and Lebanon—those approaching furlough time—have come or will come on to the United States. A few have already arrived in Europe. Most will no doubt stay in Istanbul, Turkey, for a few days, hoping to return to their homes.

Dr. Hughey reports that good arrangements had been made for turning over mission responsibilities to nationals in case missionaries had to leave. Lebanese Baptist committees were well organized and ready to function.

Courage Displayed

Dr. Hughey says there was remarkable calm among the Americans who assembled at the American University of Beirut to a wait transportation. The missionaries, even those separating from members of their families, showed notable courage and poise.

Dr. Hughey was impressed with the measures taken by the Lebanese authorities for the security of the departing Americans. The convoys of buses to the airport were protected by soldiers in jeeps and two soldiers in each bus. There were some anti-American demonstrators, he says, but these represent only a minority of the Lebanese people.

Himself a missionary for 20 years before taking his current position, Dr. Hughey laughingly says he was the only "casualty" among the refugees. Helping three Australian Baptist nurses with their luggage, he fell in the dark, tearing a hole in one shoe and the knee of his trousers.

Gaza Doctors Busy

The two Southern Baptist missionary doctors who remain with the Baptist hospital in Gaza are "unharmed and busy."

This message came by cable to Dr. Hughey, for the Board, on Saturday, June 10. It was sent by Rev. J. Conrad Willmon, missionary to Lebanon who is now in Istanbul.

The trans-world conversation took place on the afternoon of June 8. At that time six missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board remained in the Eastern Region.

Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Logan stopped at Oshogo, in the Western Region, where both have children in school. Their husbands remained at their posts in Enugu. Both families are from Mississippi, the Davises from Hattiesburg and the Logans from Gulfport.

According to Dr. Goerner, Mr. Griffin reported an uneasy quiet in Nigeria, where the Eastern Region declared itself the independent nation of "Biafra" on May 30. There is as yet no fighting, and travel between the Western and Northern Regions continues as usual.

Seventeen missionaries were at work in the Eastern Region when it broke with the rest of the country. Since then 11 have left, on advice of the U. S. consular service. Nine others assigned to the Region are in the states, eight on furlough and one a 1967 missionary journeyman selectee.

There is no general evacuation of personnel from Ni-

Jordan Baptist In Television Appearances

Rev. Anis Shorrosh, Baptist evangelist from Jerusalem, Jordan, will speak on television stations WLOX in Biloxi on Saturday, June 17 and on WLBT, Channel 3, in Jackson, on Sunday, June 25 at 9:00 a. m. The time of the Biloxi appearance is not given. He will discuss present historical events as they relate to Bible prophecies concerning the Second Coming of Christ.

The program will be shown in color on WLBT, Jackson, Sunday, June 18 at 12:40 p.m.

Mr. Shorrosh is a native of Jordan, and served for a number of years as pastor of the Baptist Church in Jerusalem. He received his college training in Mississippi, and theological training in New Orleans. He brought his family to the United States last January, and is now serving as an evangelist, preaching in churches all over America. His home address now is 318 La Baron Street, Citronelle, Alabama 36522.



Rev. Anis Shorrosh

geria, and conditions remain quiet in the West and North.

2 Leave Region

Word has reached Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters that two additional missionaries have left the Eastern Region of Nigeria for Lagos, federal capital.

They are Miss Aletha Fuller, of Abilene, Tex., nurse on the staff of the Baptist hospital at Jokinrama, and Miss Josephine Scaggs, of McAlester, Okla., stationed at Aboda.

Earlier, seven missionaries and two children had arrived in Lagos. Now only eight Southern Baptist missionaries remain in the Eastern Region.

\$10,000 Sent For Relief

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has placed \$10,000 at the disposal of missionaries in Lebanon for relief of "Baptists and others of Jordan and Egypt."

This action was in response to a cable from missionaries in Lebanon stating that Baptists in Jordan and Egypt are in great need and requesting that money be made available at once for distribution through Lebanon.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, and Dr. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, went into consultation as soon as the cable arrived on Saturday morning, June 10.

It is not known how the missionaries in Lebanon will get the money to the suffering people of Jordan and Egypt. "Evidently they have means," Dr. Hughey said.

The Board's cable to Lebanon in response to the request stated that additional funds for relief would be made available as needed.

Southern Baptist missionaries still remaining in Lebanon are Rev. and Mrs. Finlay M. Graham and Rev. James K. Ragland.

Fifteen missionaries are in Jordan. The Board has no missionaries in Egypt, but Baptists there are closely related to Southern Baptists.

News reports indicate that refugees from western Jordan and other areas newly occupied by Israel are pouring in to Amman and other towns and cities of Jordan and Egypt.

Pennsy Bus Law Set For Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C. S. S.) — A Pennsylvania school bus law which was upheld by that state's highest court early this year was appealed June 7 to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The law, which requires public school districts to transport children to parochial schools, is challenged on the ground that it violates the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Music Week . . .

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University, Shawnee, Okla.

Those to lead the three choirs during the week will be Dr. Carlyle Bennett, director of School of Church Music, Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; Robert Snead, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. and Bill Bumstead, minister of music of Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Others to serve on faculty will include Mrs. Carlyle Bennett and Bill Cannady, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Yazoo City.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer, will serve as assembly pastor.

Mr. Hall said there would be musicianship classes led by teaching teams of two persons. Emphasis will be given to music reading and voice.

Policy Statement

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policy for any citizen to feel he is above serving his country. Citizenship that is worthy costs in time, thought and sometimes sacrifice.

"Christian citizenship challenges many Christians to assume leadership in political life. Such citizens have the responsibility to bring the highest of moral principles to bear in legislation and government decisions.

"The Christian Action Commission will therefore seek:

1. To interpret and proclaim to Mississippi Baptists the Bible principles concerning Christian citizenship.
2. To encourage our people to be actively involved in government at all levels, such as registering to vote, voting, jury, service, school board service, conscientious court witness and the holding of public offices, serving on civic committees or commissions, service in the armed forces or other government services as the demands may be made or the opportunities presented.
3. To encourage Christians so serving as citizens to hold and to practice Christian morality and ethics, remembering that righteousness still will exalt a nation."

Love comes unseen; we only see it go.—Austin Dobson

Association Of . . .

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gelicals, including a book program, insurance and pension plans for independents and financial pools for new building programs.

The evangelicals' common ground, the editorial continued, is "belief in biblical authority and in individual spiritual regeneration as being of the very essence of Christianity."

It said differences between evangelicals should not be minimized, but asked: "Are not Bible-believing Christians called to rise above these differences in the interest of winning lost men and women to Christ?"



A group of men who attended the recent Regional Brotherhood Leadership Training Institute at Shocco Springs, Ala. will be instrumental in helping with the Brotherhood leadership training workshops as well as in the five area Brotherhood leadership training conferences which will be held this fall. They are, from left to right, first row: Rev. Maurice Flowers, Merigold; N. Lee Perrell, Jackson; Rev. Elmer Howell, Jackson; Rev. Oliver C. Laddner, Merigold; second row: Rev. Jack Farmer, Canton; Rev. J. D. Leady, Greenville; Rev. A. A. Ward, Carthage; Rev. S. A. Adkins, Silver Creek; third row: Rev. Lester Jones, Philadelphia; Dr. Alvin G. Webb, Jackson; Arlie Nichols, Brandon; Rev. James Turpe, Batesville; Rev. Hollis Ryan, Laurel; Rev. Robert Jones, Hattiesburg; not pictured, Mark Moore, Jackson.

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Carey Trustees Elect Ernest Academic VP

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of William Carey College was held on Commencement Day Saturday, May 27. Presiding was Bruce C. Aultman, Hattiesburg attorney, president of the Board. Other Trustees attending were Dr. Joe Tuten of Jackson, vice-president; Dr. Earl Green of Hattiesburg, treasurer; Dr. T. E. Ross, Hattiesburg; R. B. Thomas, Hattiesburg; Dr. James T. Thompson, Moss Point; Rev. Van Hardin, Moss Point; Rev. John Daley, Marks; Rev. John L. Taylor, Canton; and William T. Bailey, Lucedale. Dr. A. K. McMillan of Lucedale, former member of the Board, was also present.

Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., academic dean of Carson-Newman College for the past five years, was elected as academic vice-president of William Carey College. Before assuming his position at Carson-Newman, Dr. Ernest had served as Dean of Instruction at William Carey for six years and previous to this appointment was professor of English at the University of Southern Mississippi for four years. He holds the B.A. degree from Maryville College and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from University of Tennessee.

In addition to his supervision of the academic program, Dr. Ernest will serve as professor of English.

The Trustees heard a financial report from J. D. Sims, Business Manager of the college. The projected operating income for the current year was \$1,122,000. Mr. Sims reported that operating income for the fiscal year which will close on May 31 will exceed the budget goal by more than \$50,000.

BMC To Host Teachers' Workshop

Mississippi Baptists' Blue Mountain College has just opened its 1967 Summer Session, with the largest enrollment in the ninety-four year history of the institution. The record high of regular summer school students has reached 276. This number does not include the expected host of teachers who will enroll in the Eleventh North Mississippi Elementary Teachers Workshop, to be held at the College June 19-23.

The Elementary Teachers Workshop will be held for the special study of "CHILDREN'S LITERATURE, A GATEWAY TO LEARNING." Registration for the Workshop will begin at 2:00 p. m. on Saturday, June 17, and close at 4:00 p. m. On Monday, June 19, registration will begin at 8:30 a. m. and will close at 1:30 p. m.

Dr. Leland B. Jacobs, Columbia University, professor of education; author of children's books; co-author of professional books; and nationally famous lecturer, will be the featured specialist for the North Mississippi Elementary Teachers Workshop. He will deliver the opening address at 11:00 a. m. on Monday, June 19, in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. His subject will be, "WHAT IS CHILDREN'S LITERATURE?" Workshop enrollees and the public are cordially invited to attend. Dr. Jacobs will also be the featured lecturer for Tuesday, June 20, and Wednesday, June 21.

On Thursday, June 22, Miss Mary Ann Baird, Reading Specialist, State Department of Education for Mississippi, Jackson, will lecture at 11:00

G. Edward Ludlow of the Blue Mountain College faculty, is Director of the 1967 Session.

Revival Dates

Rock Bluff, Marion: June 18-23; services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Rev. Sutton Smith, Lucedale, evangelist; Rev. Paul Roberts, pastor and singer.



Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Cannon, First Baptist Church, Horn Lake, (left) and President E. Harold Fisher of Blue Mountain College, shown in the official presentation of a Merit Certificate, beautifully framed, and given to them in recognition for having five daughters to graduate from Southern Baptist Colleges during a period of 1947 through 1967, one of whom, Miss Emille Cannon, was graduated from BMC on June 4. By request of the family, President Fisher made the public recognition and presentation to Bro. and Mrs. Cannon.



Mrs. Sara Jernigan McNeece, Memphis, (left) president of the 1967 Graduating Class of Blue Mountain College, shown presenting to the college, by way of President E. Harold Fisher, the gift from the class. Mrs. McNeece is shown presenting the "W" of the complete collection of Letters, which will be affixed to the Physical Education Building on the campus, revealing its name, "The Wilfred C. Tyler Physical Education Building."

88 GRADUATE IN BLUE MOUNTAIN'S 94th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

Eighty-eight Blue Mountain College students participated in the commencement exercises of the college at the close of its ninety-fourth annual session.

With Lowrey Memorial Church sanctuary filled to capacity, President E. Harold Fisher presided over the baccalaureate service, the second since his coming to the presidency of the college.

Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, in the baccalaureate sermon, declared Blue Mountain College graduates to "be among God's chosen and very distinctive young people, challenged them with the satisfaction, joy, peace, and deep gratitude that the occasion brought, but pointed out that as God's chosen group they must face the responsibilities, difficulties, mountains of seeming impossibilities, and many real problems. He brought to their attention that Blue Mountain College in its great contribution to the Christian living of its graduates, had fortified them with God's power. His strength, His distinctive redemption, and that each one must realize and choose to acknowledge the source of all strength; must know that he or she was made for the fellowship with God; must realize, also, that each one has a responsibility of the complete stewardship of a life of service to God, a life of giving and sharing with others, a life of never failing God's expectations, never failing one's self, family, society, and making life's motto to be, "I am God's servant and I give myself to the desires of God as one of His distinguished people."

Convocation
At 3:00 p. m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, June 4, the Blue Mountain College June Convocation was held. Faculty members, platform guests, and members of the 1967 graduating class gathered in proper regalia, at the front of Whitfield Residence Hall, near the magnolia tree, planted by the founder of the College, General M. P. Lowrey, almost a century ago. The annual Proclamation of all participants made a colorful picture, as in couples, they made their way to the Lawrence T. Lowrey Administration Building, taking proper places in the Auditorium and on the platform.

The Invocation was led by Rev. Robert Martin, pastor of First Church, Ripley, whose wife was a member of the graduating class.

Especially recognized by President Fisher was Mrs. Guy B. Arney, hostess in Stevens Hall, retiring after having served in that capacity for ten years. Also recognized by President Fisher was Mrs. J. J. McKinstry, for twenty-one years a member of the faculty of Blue Mountain College, primarily as an instructor in English. (A total of 3000 students of the college have studied in her field of instruction during her long tenure.) Just prior to the Commencement exercises, students of Mrs. McKinstry presented to her a money "tree" for the purpose of purchasing the first tree to be placed in the yard which will surround her new home

to be built during the current summer.

The Baccalaureate Address was delivered by State Superintendent of Education, Dr. J. M. Tubb. Using the theme, "The Dawning of a New Day in Education Is At Hand," Dr. Tubb assured the Blue Mountain College graduates that a New Day for their College has already dawned and will never cease to make the best of contributions to the New Day in Education of the nation and the world.

Dr. Tubb stated that the New Day in Education will depend upon the kind of systems we have today, and that all young graduates must live to improve society, attitudes, and faith in God and His nation. He further stated that a number of dynamic factors must constitute the good life of today's graduates and citizens of America — courage, both physical and moral; live for something, not changing with the wind; a strong determination to succeed in life; self control, even at the risk of death for the love and safety of our people and our nation; service to our fellowman; a strong belief in Jesus Christ; realizing that we cannot hold on to the hand of God without holding on to the hand of our fellowman.

Dean William N. Washburn presented Candidates for Degrees, and President Fisher conferred the Degrees and Diplomas. Since names of these young women have been published previously, they are not

being repeated, but the College is pleased to name the young women who were graduated with special honors for the first time in the history of Blue Mountain College. They are as follows: Vera Jean Comte, Corinth, Cum Laude; Rebecca Benedict Gay, Blue Mountain, Cum Laude; Virginia Ruth Graves, Louisville, Ky., Magna Cum Laude; Sylvia Thornberry, Vienna, Va., Summa Cum Laude; and Grace Townsend Heinrich, University, Mississippi, Magna Cum Laude, all receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees on June 4.

Shirley Corrine Hudspeth, Ashland, Summa Cum Laude; and Patsy Hughey Morrison, Blue Mountain, Summa Cum Laude, each receiving the Bachelor of Science degree.

A surprise feature of the Commencement Program was the presentation from the children of the Robert Cannon family, by President E. Harold Fisher, to the parents, Rev. and Mrs. Cannon, of the Horn Lake Church, a beautiful certificate of merit and appreciation. The Merit Certificate was given Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Cannon for having five daughters to graduate from Southern Baptist colleges during the period of 1947 through 1967, one of whom graduated on June 4 from BMC, Miss Emille Cannon. After the conferring of degrees and diplomas, President Fisher presented Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Blue Mountain, immediate past president of

the Alumnae Association of the College, who gave a commendation and welcome from the Association to the graduates.

Rev. Tom Douglas, Director of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, whose daughter, Gayle, was a member of the 1967 Class, led the Benediction.

Presented by Mrs. Sara Jernigan McNeece, Memphis, President of the 1967 graduating class of the College, President Fisher received the gift from the Class to the College of the letters which are to be affixed to the front of the Physical Education Building, named last spring for the late Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, fifth President of the College.

Among the graduates were Rev. and Mrs. James Futral, Dumas, a ministerial student and wife.

Roberts Ill; Won't Take Seminary Professorship

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — C. A. Roberts, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Fla., will not be accepting his previously announced appointment as professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a seminary official announced here.

"Roberts, who was to become professor of evangelism effective June 1, has asked to be relieved of his commit-

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BILLY GRAHAM

3500 Decisions In Winnipeg Crusade

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Canada (Special) — More than 25,000 people ignored a cold 20 mile an hour wind Sunday afternoon to hear Evangelist Billy Graham deliver his final sermon of the Centennial Crusade here in Winnipeg Stadium.

It was the largest public meeting ever held in the stadium, the home of the Canadian professional Blue Bombers football team, as well as in the city of Winnipeg. The closing Crusade service shattered the previous high attendance record of 22,465 set in 1965 for a championship football game.

Evangelist Graham concluded his 91st major evangelistic effort by drawing in the last eight days 126,300 people to hear his message.

About 3,500 of those attending the Crusade meetings responded to the evangelist's invitation to "give their lives to the living Person Jesus Christ" and they walked the cement aisles of the arena and crossed the football turf of the stadium. More than 700 came as inquirers Sunday.

Jack Willis, chairman of Metropolitan Winnipeg Corporation, and a member of the advisory committee, presented Mr. Graham the Distinguished Visitors Award from Winnipeg. The evangelist is the fourth person to receive the high city honor.

When he launched into his final sermon, it dealt with

Clear Branch Homecoming

The Clear Branch Church, Lincoln Association, Rt. 2, Wesson, plans Homecoming Day on June 25. They will have all-day services with dinner furnished by the church. The public is invited. Rev. Edwin Burns is pastor.

ment because of health," said Seminary President Robert E. Naylor.

"His request has been granted and he is not coming to the seminary," Naylor added.

Roberts was reported to be hospitalized in Waco, Tex., but was not available for comment.

As president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, Roberts was scheduled

those things in today's world that are unchanging. He said that many things are changing today, including society, politics, science and youth.

"The Bible says that God never changes," declared Mr. Graham. He also said that the moral code, plan of salvation and man's nature are unchanging.

Morrison Heights Church Will Hear Drakeford

Dr. John W. Drakeford, a native of Sydney, Australia and professor of psychology and counseling and director of the Baptist Marriage and Family Counseling Center at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas will be the conference leader for the Christian Home Emphasis Weekend June 23-24-25, in the Morrison Heights Church of Clinton.

Beginning with a supper on Friday night at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Drakeford will discuss with the parents the role of "The Family In A Modern World." Saturday morning, June 24, at the men's breakfast Dr. Drakeford will speak. Saturday night, 7:30 p. m., he will talk to the parents on "How To Talk To Your Children About Sex."

Dr. Drakeford will be in charge of all of the services Sunday, June 25, beginning with the early morning service at 8:45 a. m. and the 11:00 a. m. and the evening service.

For the intermediates and Young People during the Sunday School hour he will speak on "The Developing Love Life," while during the Training Union time he will speak on "Compatible or Combustible - Husband and Wife Living Together."

Rev. Charles Gentry is pastor.

to preside over sessions of the pastors' meeting in Miami Beach, May 29-30, but was unable to because of illness.

"Due to tension and pressure," said Gerald Martin, conference vice president, "C. A. Roberts' personal physician ordered him not to attend the convention and to cancel all engagements."

Martin presided over the Pastors' Conference and later was elected president.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION ASSEMBLY

July 31-August 4 — Gulfshore

A WEEK OF INSPIRATION, TRAINING, AND RECREATION FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

The Training Union Assembly this year is "A PROGRAM DESIGNED WITH ADULTS IN MIND."

Features include fully graded leadership training in Training Union techniques and procedures; Bible based discussion groups; a drama workshop; and an entire program slanted to the needs of adults and their families.

Realizing that the adults who attend will want to bring their children with them, provisions have been made for such Junior and Intermediate boys and girls.

As always the excellent facilities of the Children's Building will be available with a complete and well-trained staff to provide for them learning experiences while their parents are in conference.

The program begins with the evening meal on Monday and closes with the noon meal on Friday.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

To secure your place at Gulfshore, send a reservation fee with your name and address to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi. The reservation fee for children under age nine is fifty cents; for those nine years of age or older the fee is \$2.00.

ALL HOTEL ROOMS WILL BE HELD UNTIL JULY 1, 1967, FOR ADULT RESERVATIONS.

ASSEMBLY CHARGES

All housing accommodations are air-conditioned. Charges are per person per day and include room, meals, and linens. Barracks, \$4.00. Hotel rooms with bath on hall, \$4.50. Hotel rooms with private bath, \$5.00 with four occupants, \$6.00 with three, \$7.00 with two.

The registration fee is the only charge for children under age two. For children 2-8 years of age the charge is one-half of the above rates.

RECREATION

Swimming, sail-boat, fishing, tennis, basketball, shuffleboard, and ping pong are available on the assembly grounds. Several golf courses are within easy driving distance and there is always the scenic Mississippi Gulf Coast for sight seeing. The entire afternoon is free for family or group recreational activity.

A PROGRAM DESIGNED WITH ADULTS IN MIND

Methods Conference Leaders



MRS. JAMES GRIFFIN
Little Rock, Arkansas
Nursery



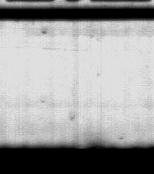
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Dallas, Texas
Beginner



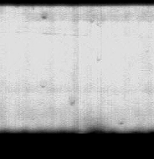
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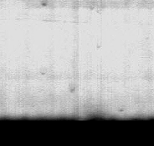
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Junior



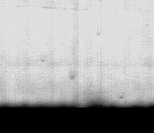
BOB TAYLOR
Nashville, Tennessee
Intermediate



KENNETH TRINKLE
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Young People



JOHN ISHEE
Nashville, Tennessee
Adults



EARL MURPHY
Nashville, Tennessee
General Officers

The Baptist Record

Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper
Of Any Kind In Mississippi
JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Baptist Press

It is probable that few of our readers know the meaning of the words "Baptist Press" or the fact that "BP" which appears at the beginning of so many articles and features which are published in the Baptist Record, or the meaning of the other letter symbols, such as RNS, EPS, EBPS or others. Let us explain some of these symbols, and also express appreciation for the splendid service rendered to all Southern Baptists by the Baptist Press.

Baptist Press (legotype BP) is the name of the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is located at the Southern Baptist Convention building in Nashville, and is under the direction of Dr. W. C. Fields, Public Relations Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and former editor of the Baptist Record.

Actual working director of Baptist Press is Jim Newton, who came to the task from a state public relations position in Texas. The office in Nashville is the center for Baptist Press activity, but regional offices are maintained in Washington, Atlanta, and Dallas.

Baptist Press issues a regular mimeographed news service which is mailed out several times a week from the Nashville office. Feature stories, interpretive articles, and photographs, as well as the news stories, are included in the service, which goes not only to all Southern Baptist state papers, but also to a large list of daily newspapers, and other publications. All of this correlates the news events of and concerning Southern Baptists, so that no matter what happens anywhere in the world that relates to Southern Baptists, it soon reaches Baptist readers in clear, accurate, and reliable form. When events occur in Mississippi Baptist life, which are of interest to Baptists and others elsewhere, the stories are sent to Baptist Press, where quickly they will reach interested publications everywhere.



By James L. Fleitz, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida

Did you ever go through a house of mirrors at a fair or carnival? Standing before one mirror you might appear to be ten feet tall while standing before another you appear to be the world's shortest midget. There is always one that makes you appear at least a hundred pounds overweight and invariably right next to it, one that makes you appear as thin as a rail. These mirrors never flatter a person. Regardless of which mirror you stand before, your image is always distorted.

How do you see other people? The artist is one who can look at a thing, not as it is but as it might be. He seeks to bring out the beautiful, never to distort.

There was once in the City of Florence, Italy, a massive, shapeless block of marble. One sculptor after another tried his hand at it without success. They cut and carved until it seemed hopelessly disfigured. But then came Michelangelo. He began by having his house built right over that block of marble, and for long months he was shut up there with it. No one knew what he was doing. But at last there came a day when he flung open the door and told the people to come in; and they looked and before their eyes was not a shapeless, meaningless block—but a magnificent statue of David, one of the art wonders of the world.

It was all a matter of perspective. Michelangelo saw that block of marble not simply as a block of marble but as a beautiful work of art. He saw David in that marble and sought to set him free. He saw it not simply as it was, but as it could become.

Jesus always looked at people this way. He looked at Simon Peter and saw him not as a crude unstable fisherman, but as one who could be as stable as a rock. Long before he was rock-like in character, Jesus called him "Peter"—meaning rockman.

It may be that what you see in your life is far from pleasing. As far as you are concerned the possibilities of building a worthwhile life are small. Why not give God a chance? Paul said, "If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature. Behold old things are passed away, all things are become new."

More than 277,000 pedestrians were injured in traffic accidents in 1966, says The Travelers Insurance Companies. Of this toll, approximately 60,000 were injured while crossing between intersections.



The Baptist Forum

Reminiscences

Dear Editor:
I noted an article in the



At least one person in ten—19,000,000 in all—have some form of mental or emotional illness needing psychiatric treatment, according to the National Association for Mental Health. There are more people in hospitals with mental illness than with all other diseases combined. A Federal support program to help states and communities establish mental health centers can serve at best only one-third of the people needing help.

Impressive sums of money can be saved by buying drugs by their generic names rather than their brand names. Harvard Medical School professor Richard Burack has written a book entitled *The Handbook of Prescription Drugs* (Patheon Books). Item Drug companies spend \$400,000,000 a year in promoting brand names, and 90 percent of all prescriptions are written for brand names, which are more expensive. Item Basic penicillin under a brand name sells for \$6.62 for 100 tablets, while the same quantity can be bought for 92 cents, sold by a lesser known company. Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.), disturbed by the book's disclosures is leading an investigation of drug pricing and public hearings by the Senate monopoly subcommittee.

In 1950 I moved to another town. The following spring they had a revival, 58 additions and restorations. They sent me a list of names. Out of 58, there were 22 I had ministered to with the *Home Life Magazine*. Included was a man 80 years old, baptized.

Was I happy?
Amos J. Barron
Heritage Manor Nursing Home
344 Arlington Ave.
Natchez, Miss.
Possess your soul with patience—John Dryden

One of the outstanding services provided by Baptist Press is the work done at the Southern Baptist Convention. Here a press room is set up, a professional staff is provided, and a continual flow of information about all of the events of the convention and its related meetings comes to the editors and reporters who are present. Special press tables are provided in the auditorium, so that editors and reporters can be in a position to hear and see just what is going on. However, so many things are happening before and during a meeting of the Southern Baptist convention, that it would be impossible for any one paper to provide enough staff to cover everything. Here Baptist Press steps in, provides reporters for every meeting, reports personnel to prepare the stories, and a full staff of typists, mimeograph operators, etc., so that speeches, news stories, wrap-up stories, feature articles, etc., concerning the speakers and convention activities, are made available to the editors and other representatives of the press, as fast as they happen. Photographers are employed, so that professional photographs of important events quickly are available.

It is because of this outstanding service, which is provided without cost to the state papers and other publications, that a paper like the Baptist Record is able to give full coverage of the convention, within a few days after it adjourns, and the daily press can give news of the convention daily even as it is happening.

We salute W. C. Fields, and Jim Newton, and all of those who worked with them, for the outstanding job which they did again this year at Miami Beach, and for the job Baptist Press continually does for Baptists week by week. It is not an easy task, and without the whole denominational program would suffer. No other denomination in the world has a finer press service than Southern Baptists, and we hereby publicly express our gratitude to the convention leadership for providing it.

We also are grateful for other services which are available to us, such as RNS (Religious News Service), which gathers religious news on a national and world level; EPA (Evangelical Press Association), which is similar to RNS but not as comprehensive; EBPS (European Baptist Press Service), which comes from Basel, Switzerland, and majors on European Baptist news; and others. We have to pay for the general

news services, but they are well worth the cost, in that they provide a worldwide, interdenominational, news coverage which helps us keep our readers informed as to what is happening outside Baptist ranks.

In addition to these we receive a continual flow of news from Southern Baptist Convention boards and agencies, the Billy Graham organization, the American Bible Society, and many other organizations and groups.

Out of all of the wealth of material which comes to our desks, along with reports and articles from the churches, and the stories which we dig up for ourselves, we choose that which will be printed for you each week. It is an interesting and exciting task, but we could not do it half so well, if we did not have organizations like Baptist Press working for us all of the time.

The Montana Trailer Fund

On Monday, June 12, the Montana Trailer Fund had reached \$2,280.71. This means that it lacks only \$719.29 of reaching the announced goal of \$3,000.00.

Several weeks ago the Baptist Record set out to raise this fund for the purchase of a travel trailer for use by Rev. Leroy Smith of Bozeman, Montana, Area Missionary for Montana. The effort had the full approval of the Mississippi Pioneer Missions Committee.

When the fund passed \$2,000 and that amount had been sent to Bro. Smith, the trailer was purchased and now is in service. It will travel the highways of Montana, enabling the missionary to work with the churches, start new missions, hold revivals, etc.

The goal for this equipment now must be reached as quickly as possible. Not one penny of the cost of this trailer should have to come from the missionary's expense funds or salary, or from other mission funds. We believe that individual Mississippi Baptists, or churches, who are interested in Montana missions, or who personally know Bro. Smith, and want to help him in his great ministry, will quickly supply the remaining funds.

Gifts should be sent to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, and marked for the Montana Trailer Fund. Your gift this week will help bring the drive to a successful conclusion very quickly.

Newest In Books

IT'S A GREAT LIFE — DON'T MISS IT! by Joe T. Odle (Christ for the World Publishers, 166 pp., paperback, \$1.50).

From the gifted pen of a well known preacher, pastor, counselor, evangelist, author, and editor, these ten stirring messages reflect a lifetime of devotion to God and the study of the Bible. Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record for the past eight years has written this book with the straightforward simplicity the dramatic vividness, and the emotional impact that are characteristic of all his writing. The reader of this book can be left with no doubts concerning the plan of salvation—of the way God has provided for sinful man to enter the great life.

What is the great life which God offers to men? Why was it necessary for Christ to die on a cross in order to save lost men? What happens to a sinner when God saves him? Is salvation an experience, a life, or a hope? Can a saved person ever lose his salvation? Can a person be sure that he is saved? Why do some Christians not have assurance? What does a person have to do in order to miss this great life? When one has read this book he will know the answers to these questions, for the material is clearly presented and the arguments, based on Scripture, are convincing.

This new volume concerning "so great salvation" matches the excellence of Dr. Odle's *Church Member's Handbook*, which has been widely used among Southern Baptists, with almost 1,400,000 copies having been printed and editions published in Spanish and Chinese.

Those who have heard Dr. Odle preach or have read his editorials or who have known him as counselor or friend will not be surprised at the powerful writing in this book. As a man said in telephone conversation just the other day to the writer of this review: "If Joe Odle says it's so, then I believe it's so."

Dr. Chester Quarles, in the Introduction, writes, "Here is evangelistic preaching at its best, written by a man whom God has used in a mighty way over three decades. He writes without affectation even as he lives. His faith is simple, profound, Biblical, and founded upon deep personal experiences."

These messages will "prime the pump" of the preacher or teacher who seeks new ideas and ways by which he can tell the "old, old story" of Jesus and His love.

The book may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store or from Dr. Odle at Box 530, Jackson—AWM

BY THE RIVER OF NO RETURN by Don Ian Smith (Abingdon, 111 pp., \$2.50).

Written by a minister-rancher—teacher who has found himself close to God in the beauty and majesty of his beloved Idaho mountains, this is an unusually good book of devotional meditations. The Methodist preacher, who operates a ranch, and teaches school, draws his illustrations from the land around him, and the reader shares with him the grandeur and peacefulness of the "high country."

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE by Sir Frederick Kenyon (Wm. B. Eerdmans, paperback, 150 pp., \$1.95).

This is a new edition of Kenyon's popular account of how the Bible came to us. There is added supplementary material by F. F. Bruce. The Bible has a human history—the story of its being passed down through the ages with-out variation—as well as a divinely inspired origin. This book is an account of the writings and publishing of the Bible from its beginnings up to the present. First published in England, *The Story of the Bible* is now in its eighth printing.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES AND WHAT THEY BELIEVE by Stan Thomas (Zondervan, 150 pp., \$3.95).

This is an honest book written by a former Jehovah's

Witness who became thoroughly disillusioned with a movement that on the surface had seemed meaningful and valid. He begins by setting forth the history of the Jehovah's Witnesses movements and proceeds to a searching discussion of the actual teachings of the Watch Tower Society's arguments. He considers their statements fairly before going on to show why Christians, on Scriptural grounds, cannot accept those claims. Christians can use the information in this book to witness to Jehovah's Witnesses honestly and lovingly, on a purely Scriptural basis, rather than merely condemning and ridiculing them.

THE FUNERAL SOURCEBOOK by Herbert Lockyer (Zondervan, 187 pp., \$4.95).

A unique tool for the use of those who minister to the bereaved and sorrowing, this book includes sermons, and sermon outlines, suitable for use at funerals; funeral hymns and Scripture selections; prayers and poems. In a very helpful chapter on pastoral ministrations, Dr. Lockyer deals with special problems in ministering to bereaved individuals and families, before death, at death, and after death. He offers guidelines for preparing suitable funeral messages. There is a place provided for keeping a record of funerals conducted.

"JUST FOR YOU" by Helen Steiner Rice (Doubleday, 64 pp.).

A special collection of inspirational verses, including "The Praying Hands." Beautifully bound and illustrated.



You cannot begin too early to think of college for your son or daughter. Francis Wayland Parker, the late Chicago editor, was asked by an anxious mother how early she should begin her child's education. "When will your child be born?" Dr. Parker inquired.

"Born? He is four years old."

"My goodness, ma, a day, stop talking to me and hurry home. You've already lost the four best years."

The sober fact is that guidance at an early age insures a sound, basic foundation on which to build a rewarding educational future. The family, and in earliest years particularly the mother, makes up the physical, emotional, and educational center for baby and toddler.

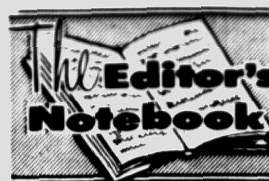
And that really is the time, too, to begin thinking about college for him or her. Planning is important in many areas. As little as \$8.60 monthly, for instance, will start a savings account for a one-year-old child which will assure him of a \$2,500 nest egg for college at age 18.

Guiding Your Child Toward College by Charles A. Bucher, Helmut W. and Gertrude A. Joel (Abingdon: \$3.50) sees preparation for college as a lifelong task, beginning with the preschool child. It offers specific information and guidance needed by parents who want to plan ahead as wisely and as surely as they can in these changing times.

The authors recognize that parents do have a responsibility to keep abreast of developments that influence their children's future.

Gone are the days when all a parent had to do was to pick a suitable institution, conveniently located, socially acceptable, and financially practicable, fill out an application, write a check, and wave good-bye.

A splendid bibliography accompanies this very valuable book, including titles and addresses of publications (many of them free) dealing with such things as the education of exceptional children; financial information; information on military training and study and travel abroad; major fellowship opportunities; federal financial aid; and examples of application forms.



First, Christians

Before you can have a Christian society and Christian education you must first of all have Christians. No education or culture, no mode of training, will ever produce Christians and the corresponding morality. To do that we must come face to face with God and see our sin and helpless plight; we must know something about the wrath of God, and repent before him and then receive his gracious offer of salvation in Jesus Christ his Son.—Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones in *The Plight of Man and the Power of God*.

Excessive speed is the number one highway killer, according to a report from The Travelers Insurance Companies. Last year excessive speed was involved in more than 18,000 fatalities on America's highways.

Religious book publishing is a growing business. Publishers Weekly reports that 1,800 new titles and editions in the religion category made their appearance in the United States during 1966 (See Jan. 30, 1967, issue).

Strike from mankind the principle of faith, and men would have no more history than a flock of sheep.—John Bulwer.

Christians give at least a tenth to show by stewardship that all belongs to God. Property is loaned to man for his use. But man shoots quickly through the dim vista of time's corridors. Paul said, "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:15-16 ASV)—W. E. Grinstead in *Principles of Stewardship Development* (Convention Press, 1967).

A voice in the wind I do not know, a meaning on the face of the high hills whose utterance I cannot comprehend. A something is behind them: that is God.—George MacDonald.

Life has no blessing like a prudent friend.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

June 19 — Guy Graham, Itawamba County superintendent of missions; John B. Laney, Jackson County superintendent of missions.

June 20 — John W. Legg, faculty, Mississippi College; Linda Lane, faculty, Mississippi College.

June 21 — Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager, Baptist Book Store; Mrs. Edna Bronk, staff, Children's Village.

June 22 — Louie Farmer, Jr., Baptist student director, University of Southern Mississippi; Mrs. Jewel Con-niff, Baptist student director, William Carey College.

June 23 — Mrs. Daphne Pridden, Baptist Building; Norman Rodgers, Baptist Building.

June 24 — Mrs. W. L. Compere, faculty, Clarke College; Mrs. James Russell Lewis, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

June 25 — J. Ralph Noon-kester, president, William Carey College; Mrs. Jeanne Watson, activities director, Gilfoy School of Nursing.

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ILLINOIS CHURCH STARTS MISSION WHERE IT BEGAN

BLUE ISLAND, Ill. (BP)—The First Baptist Church of Blue Island, Ill., is starting a mission at the same place it began as a mission several years ago.

The new mission meets in the Masonic Temple at 12757 Western Avenue here, exactly the same place that the First Baptist Church itself started as mission. Owen Spencer has been named pastor of the mission.

First Baptist Pastor Paul Locklear said the church felt that Blue Island, a city of 25,000, needed more than just one Southern Baptist church. The church formed in the Masonic Temple succeeded so well, that it was decided to use the same place to launch a second mission.

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Mrs. Mildred Mein, Brazil—July 17-22

Miss Juliette Mather, Taiwan—July 31 - Aug. 5, Aug. 7-12, and Aug. 14-19

Home Missionaries

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Rev. Joe A. Thompson

Arkansas Church Calls Thompson

Rev. Joe A. Thompson has accepted the pastorate of Bellaire Church, Dermott, Arkansas, where he will begin his duties on June 18.

He has been pastor of Thomastown Church, Leake County, since April of 1964. Under his leadership Thomastown Church has completely renovated the sanctuary, together with the addition of a new piano, new pulpit furniture, and sterling silver Lord's Supper service.

The educational building has been completed outside, with building funds on hand toward the approximate completion of the plant.

The mission giving has been increased from 10 to 15 per cent. There have been 18 additions for baptism and 20 by letter.

Mr. Thompson attended Mississippi College, and will graduate from New Orleans Seminary next January.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Adams of Eupora. They have two children: Durwood, 17, and Beverly, 10.

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Further Comment Unnecessary

The editor of Seren Cymru, Baptist paper in the Welsh language, rejoiced that part of page one of a recent issue contained announcements of marriages between Baptist young men and women. "Notices of old age and death make poor fodder," he commented. (EBPS)

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The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—The Church At Antioch Paul's Prayer For The Church

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 11:19-30

Luke, in the book of Acts, points out each significant advance in the spread of Christianity.



At first the Christian faith was limited to Jerusalem. Persecution then caused the Christians to flee from Jerusalem. Wherever they went, they evangelized in the name of Christ Philip's ministry in Samaria was the first advance beyond the circle of the Jewish people—the Samaritans were part Jew and part Gentile. Peter was led by the Holy Spirit to Caesarea, where he preached to the household of Cornelius. Next, some of the believers dared to proclaim Jesus to the Gentiles in Antioch, which led to a new church there. Thus Antioch became the new center of the Christian movement and a base for world missions. The time was around A.D. 45 to 47.

The Lesson Explained AN EVANGELISTIC CHURCH (vv. 19-24)

At first the evangelizing was restricted to Jews. Some of the Christians, however, natives of Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, when they came to Antioch, began preaching Christ to "the Gentiles," that is, to pure Gentiles. God blessed their witness, so that a great number of people in Antioch believed and turned to Christ. Antioch was a heathen city, the third city of importance in the Roman Empire. It was the blessing of God upon the witness of the Christians that brought people to faith.

The news of the Antioch revival reached back to the church in Jerusalem, which somehow felt called upon to investigate the development in Antioch. Fortunately, Barnabas was chosen for the assignment. He was from Cyprus, and he was known as a man of broad sympathies and good judgment. When he arrived in Antioch, he was quick to see the evident work of God's grace in the conversion of the Gentiles. He, therefore, rejoiced with the new converts and exhorted them to cleave to the Lord with steadfast purpose.

A TEACHING CHURCH (vv. 25-26)

Obviously, the new converts in Antioch were in urgent need of indoctrination and training. Barnabas sensed this and was quick to recognize his need for help. His mind turned to Saul, in Tarsus. He now enlisted Saul to help in Antioch—which may have been the greatest single achievement in Barnabas' ministry.

Verse 26 tells of a church-wide teaching revival for a year. The new Christians were taught the meanings of their experience of faith. Luke adds the word that here in Antioch the believers were first called Christians. At first, it was doubtless a term of reproach and contempt; it was destined to become a term of greatest honor.

A BENEVOLENT CHURCH (vv. 27-30)

These verses tell of the benevolent spirit of the church in Antioch. The Gentile Christians, learning of a predicted widespread famine, resolved to anticipate the need among the Jerusalem saints and send relief in advance. This they did, giving generously according to each one's ability. The offering was sent by Barnabas and Saul. The Gentiles were showing

their love for the Jews. Christian faith was expressing itself in generosity and social service.

Truths to Live By

God honors faithful witnessing.—The experience of the Christians in Antioch is both instructive and inspiring. They dared to believe that the power of the gospel could overcome the idolatry and iniquity in a great pagan city. As a result, the power of God made their witness effective. This truth should challenge Christians in the great cities of the modern world—and in every other place. The same kind of witnessing will get results: people will be converted to the Christian faith.

The gospel is something to be learned.—This should make clear why Barnabas and Saul led the church in Antioch in a teaching revival. This was a means of preparing lost persons to make the commitment of faith to Jesus Christ, and it was also the means of helping new converts to discover the meaning of their discipleship and to translate the truth of the gospel into everyday living.

Christians have a name to live up to.—The Christians in Antioch were the first ones to be honored by the name of Christ—they were called Christians. No more perfect name could be given to the followers of Jesus. And now we claim this name as our greatest distinction. But it is so much more than a matter of honor. It is also a matter of trust. By what we do and the way we live, by our speech and attitudes and deeds, we are to prove to the world that we do, indeed, know Christ as Saviour and serve him as Lord.

Health Education Workshop To Be Conducted At MC

An intensive, three-week study of the major problems and possible solutions in the area of health education will be offered this summer by Mississippi College in cooperation with the Mississippi School Health Service of the State Board of Health.

The Health Education Workshop will open July 17 and run through August 5, according to Dr. John Blair, chairman of the college's Division of Education and Psychology.

The workshop will include lectures by some of the state's top authorities on public health.

Dr. Blair said that registration will begin July 17 in the B. C. Rogers Student Center. Workshop fee will be \$20 per semester hour, plus \$1.45 student center fee. An application fee of \$10 will be required of all students who have not attended Mississippi College since 1964. There semester hours of graduate or undergraduate credit will be given for successful completion.

Participants will be housed in one of the air-conditioned residence halls on campus and meals will be served in the college cafeteria. Cost of room and meals will be \$75 for the three weeks.

Cooperating agencies in sponsoring the workshop are the American Cancer Society, Mississippi Heart Association, Mississippi Tuberculosis Association, State Board of Health, State Department of Education, and the Division of Education and Psychology at Mississippi College.

By Bill Duncan
Ephesians 3:13-21

The purpose of God in Christ is to be accomplished by God's power working in the members of Christ's body—the church. God's power is appropriated through prayer. This is the second prayer of this letter. The first is found in 1:3-14. This is a great prayer for power according to Dale Moody, the power of God's spirit 3:14-16 and power of God's love 3:17-19.



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The Communion of The Prayer

"For this cause" (v. 14) suggests the reason for the prayer. This points to the teaching of the preceding verses pertaining to what Christ had done for the Gentiles. Paul's prayer was offered because of his deep interest in the people of God and his sincere desire that his Gentile readers might enter fully into their privileges in Christ.

Paul spoke of his intense earnestness and the unusual emotion which he felt when he mentioned kneeling. The customary posture in prayer among the Jews was standing. A kneeling position spoke of the urgency of the prayer and special solemnity.

The prayer is addressed to God the Father. This speaks of the access we have to God. This lays upon us the obligation of seeking to be worthy of such a privilege. God is the father of all. No man, no church, no nation has exclusive possession of God. The fact of the fatherhood of God means that we must love and respect one another. The "whole family" refers to the company of the redeemed who make up one great family with God as Father.

It is well for one to note the boldness Paul has in this prayer. Sometimes persons are fearful lest they ask too much of God. In this prayer Paul is sure he will not strain the resources of God because of the measure of the riches of his glory. Paul had in mind the infinite perfections of God, and he is asking that his readers may receive the benefits they require.

The Content of The Prayer According to W. Curtis Vaughan there are three petitions in Paul's prayer. The ultimate goal of this prayer is that these people might move on toward the glorious design of the great redemption.

(1) A request for inner power (16-17a) "That he would grant you . . . to be strengthened with might by the Spirit in the inner man". This power is divine in kind, communicated by the Spirit and realized in the inner man which refers to a man's reason, conscience and his will. The strengthening of the inner man comes when Christ takes up his permanent residence in that man. The secret of strength is the presence of Christ within our lives. What Paul desired was that Christ's presence in them might be both real and regnant.

(2) A request for comprehension "That ye . . . may be able to comprehend . . . and to know the love of Christ." This is a prayer that believers, as a consequence of the divine strengthening and indwelling may have spiritual capacity for understanding the love of Christ. The phrase "to comprehend" has the idea of laying hold on something so as to make it one's own. The phrase "to

know" speaks of knowledge gained by experience. This love has a sheer vastness in it. There is no place where the love of Christ cannot be reached.

Where is that love to be experienced? We find it and we experience it with all God's consecrated people. We find it in the fellowship of the church. Together we can explain the measureless love.

(3) A request for the fullness of God. "That ye might be filled with the fullness of God" 19b. This is the climax of the prayer because every other blessing is included. The fullness of God stands for all the energies, powers, and attributes of God. Mortal man cannot contain the fullness of divine essence, but we can experience the totality of blessing which God is willing and able to bestow. It means that we may be filled with his presence and power.

Confidence of Prayer

Paul's confidence is expressed in a doxology of Praise. Whatever our request, we can never exceed God's ability to answer. He is able to do superabundantly more than we ask. God's power is inward and incomprehensible. It is no irresistible force from the outside. God's ability does not remove man's responsibility, but it should remove man's despair at arriving at the goal of God. In this Paul speaks of the goal of the church. The glory that was in Christ is made manifest in the church and in the world as this love that unites Christ to God comes to unite Christians to God and to one another. Paul says that this praise is to be unending.

Properly, the doxology closes with the word "Amen". This is understood in English by the optative form of the verb "to be", that is, "So let it be". As such, it expresses the emotion of the reverent heart as he looks to the redemptive God and his work in Christ.

Chinese Baptist Dies In Richmond

Sim Lee Chin, a Chinese Baptist in Richmond, Va., died June 3.

Mr. Chin, who came to the United States 44 years ago from Canton, China, was a member of Richmond's Grove Avenue Baptist Church, which regularly sponsors services for Chinese people.

Mr. Chin was the founder of the Joy Garden Restaurant, remembered by many Southern Baptist missionaries around the world as a place they were entertained when they came to Richmond for appointment and orientation. Mr. Chin's son Thomas now owns the restaurant.

Prospect (Perry) Calls Pastor

Rev. Wallace Harrell, Sr. has accepted the pastorate of Prospect Church, Perry County. He and his wife have moved into the newly renovated parsonage. Members of Prospect Church held an open house on Sunday afternoon, May 21 in the pastor's home. Many friends and church members were present to welcome the Harrells.

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DEVOTIONAL

God Is Our Refuge

By Horace Carpenter, Pastor, Roxie Church
Psalms 46

Our modern world is filled with many problems, perplexities, troubles. Most of us are looking for a shelter, refuge, safety, security. Here it is: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Though the earth be moved, mountains be carried into the midst of the sea, universe crashes, God is our refuge.



I. God Is Our Refuge.

This is a most comforting thought. This verse has meant much to me for many years. Think of Noah in the ark during the storm. Moses wrote: The eternal God is thy refuge, underneath are the everlasting arms." (Deut. 33:27). For the Christian, this is a possession we have that we cannot lose; a wealth that cannot pass away.

We need to recognize the reality of: God is our refuge. He was not only with Abraham, Moses, Jacob at Bethel, Joshua at Jericho, Gideon and the 300, David in his conflicts. He is with us. Jesus said: "Lo, I am with you always." When every other strength and help has failed, He will be with us. Thank God for a help in life, in time of trouble and adversity, yes, even in death. Fear has seized our world; we must seek to replace it with faith. "God is our refuge, a very present help in trouble."

II. The Heathen Raged.

They rage today all across our land. They have no thought or fear of God. Not only do the atheists say there is no God, but so-called Christians say, "God is dead," that He has no power to help us. But the psalmist says, "The God of Jacob is our refuge." Why the God of Jacob? Because He is the same God who was with Jacob, David, Isaiah, Peter, and Paul. He will be with us to bless, comfort, and empower us if we will draw nigh to Him.

As we look back at the early church in the book of Acts after the ascension of Jesus, they had certain fears and difficulties as the heathen raged. But they met together, they had a prayer meeting; they looked to God. The place was shaken; they were filled with the Spirit. They spoke the Word of God with boldness. They put their faith in the Lord.

They challenged the Sanhedrin, Herod, all of Rome, and the world. They had a new dimension of spiritual power. They dared to live for and to witness to the power of the risen Christ.

III. THE LORD INVITES YOU TO COME UNTO HIM.

He is our refuge; He is more than just a hiding place, a sanctuary. He desires that we would go into partnership with Him, trusting Him moment by moment in every situation of life. Just remember and remind yourself when we grow weary and discouraged that God is our refuge. That because of the cross and our faith in the Lamb of God we are a "Child of the King." Every day ought to be a fresh commitment to His will for our lives. Why? "God is our refuge, a very present help . . . He wants to help you, whatever your need may be. Will you trust your life, your soul, all of the needs of your life to Him? Will you allow Him to become the Lord of your life?"

"Somehow, we must make sure the language of the sanctuary is translated to the sidewalk."—Kenneth W. Copeland



CENTER BOARD—Members of the board of trustees of the Mississippi Religious and Pastoral Counseling Center, which will begin operations in Jackson this month, include (seated, l. to r.) Lee R. Spence of Jackson, secretary; Farris C. Gibbs of Jackson, chairman; and Mrs. John C. Freeman of Jackson; and (standing, l. to r.) Claude W. Poland of Lula; Chaplain Thomas B. Fanning of Whitfield, vice chairman; Dr. Stanley C. Russell of Jackson; and J. Warren Wright of Jackson, treasurer. Board members not shown include Dr. John J. Eberhart (Capt. U.S.N. Ret.) of Ocean Springs and Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass, Jackson Episcopal Area of The Methodist Church.

First Full-Time Religious Counseling Center To Open In Jackson This Month

JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi's first full-time religious counseling center will begin operations in Jackson this month.

The center will be opened by the Mississippi Religious and Pastoral Counseling Foundation, a nonprofit corporation set up to provide aid to those with spiritual problems or illnesses.

"We feel the center will provide a unique and yet practical way to meet a very real need in this state," said Farris C. Gibbs of Jackson, chairman of the governing board of trustees.

"Physicians, psychologists, and clergymen have long recognized the interrelationship of physical, mental and spiritual health. Religious problems sometimes underlie other illnesses. We will work with specialists in these other

fields to seek total health."

The board of trustees includes two psychiatrists, two clergymen and five laymen. It will announce the appointment of a counseling minister to serve as director and carry on the center's work.

The psychiatrists on the board are Dr. John J. Eberhart of Ocean Springs, a retired Navy captain, and Dr. Stanley C. Russell of Jackson, on the University of Mississippi Medical Center staff.

The clergymen are Methodist Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass of Jackson and the Rev. Thomas B. Fanning of Whitfield, Baptist chaplain at the state mental hospital.

Besides Gibbs, a construction firm executive, the laymen on the board are Lee R. Spence of Jackson, an estate planning consultant; Mrs. John P. Freeman of Jackson, a housewife; Claude W. Poland of Lula, a bank executive; and J. Warren Wright of Jackson, a furniture executive.

The Rev. Mr. Fanning is vice chairman of the board, while Spence is secretary and Wright is treasurer.

The center, which will be located in the Woodland Hills Building (formerly the Morgan Bldg.), will begin operations the week of June 19th. The initial operations will be financed by contributions, while the continuing work will be financed through both nominal charges and contributions.

The board hopes to establish other centers at strategic locations in the state in the future.

"The average pastor is so burdened with administrative and other church duties he has only limited time for counseling," Gibbs said. "And there are times when a per-

REVIVAL DATES

First, Richton: June 18-23; Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor of First Church, Pontotoc, evangelist; Rev. David Merritt, pastor.

Bethel Church, Copiah County: June 18-23. Rev. H. B. Speights, Pastor, will be bringing the messages at 10:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. each day; Gerald Rogers, senior at Mississippi College will be directing the music; there will be morning and afternoon services on Sunday with dinner on the ground. Everyone is invited.

Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia: June 18-25; Rev. James D. Watson, evangelist; J. B. Betts, music leader; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor.



Forest Church: June 18-23; Dr. Howard Aultman, First Church, Columbia, evangelist; and Tanner Riley, First Church, Clinton, singer; Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor.

Mt. Nebo (Newton): June 18-23; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Ray Hill of North Calvary, Philadelphia, evangelist; Ricky Munn, Oakland Heights, Meridian, singer; Rev. Lewis Bryan, pastor.

son hesitates to seek out his own pastor because that pastor is part of his own social structure. Lawyers, physicians and educators sometimes need a place to refer troubled persons."

"We feel our nondenominational approach to spiritual problems that cross denominational lines will render a real service, both to the people of the state and to all churches.

Beulah Church, Maguee; June 18-25; Rev. Ed F. Valow (pictured) of Forest Park, Georgia evangelist; Rev. Walter Gurley, pastor; Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.



North Union (Covington); June 25-30; Rev. Athens McNeil (pictured) of Eastlawn church, Pascagoula, evangelist; Rev. Bilbo Sellers, pastor. Services each evening Monday through Friday at 7:30.



Following Sunday morning services dinner will be served on the ground, and an afternoon worship service. The public is invited.

Oakland Church: June 18-23; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jim Burks (pictured), pastor of Southside Church, Suffolk, Virginia, evangelist; Rev. Buford Sellers, pastor.



Woodland Hills, Jackson: June 25-28; youth-led revival; Rev. Tom McKibbens from Ole Miss, center on the Rebel football team and associate pastor of North Oxford Church, evangelist, Rusty McIntire of Clinton, recent graduate of Mississippi College, singer; Dr. Fuller Saunders, pastor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Main Street, Mendenhall: eleven professions of faith; five by letter; four rededications; Rev. Raymond A. Wilson, pastor.

Names In The News

Rev. Bill R. Baker, pastor of Calhoun City, First Church, received the M.A. Degree during the spring commencement exercises at the University of Mississippi. On Tuesday, June 6, Rev. and Mrs. Baker departed for a tour abroad which will include interesting points in Europe and the Holy Land. This trip is being provided by members of the First Baptist Church of Calhoun City and other interested friends.

David Gomes, Rio de Janeiro, home missions secretary for the Brazilian Baptist Convention, will visit Australia this summer and conduct evangelistic services while there. He is expected to begin in Victoria state on July 18. Continuing into August, Gomes' visit will include revival preaching engagements in the cities of Adelaide, Perth, and Brisbane. (EBPS) (Gomes is well known to many Mississippians since he visited here as a guest of Mrs. Rosalie Appleby several years ago.)

Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, director of public relations and assistant professor of religious education at William Carey College, recently attended a writers' conference at Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, offices, Birmingham.

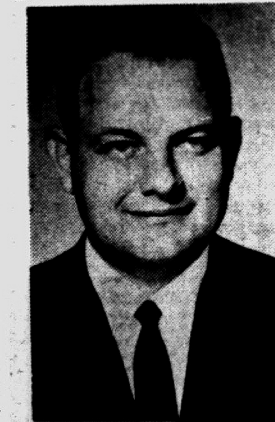
Mrs. Rowden will write lesson materials for Tell, for pre-teen girls, on Indonesia, Korea, and Malaysia. Her work will be published in the

Miss Mary Alice Diksworth, missionary to Indonesia, expected to leave the States June 4, following furlough. She may be addressed at Djalat Tjipaganti 17, Bandung, Java, Indonesia. A Mississippian, she was born in Lucedale, and grew up in Pascagoula, where she was educational and youth director for First Baptist Church when appointed a missionary in 1956.

Dr. Grover F. Tyner, Jr., missionary, was inaugurated the third president of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio, in formal academic ceremonies April 28. Dr. Tyner was elected president following the death of Dr. Elbert H. Walker in 1965. Dr. Francis P. Lide, now retired, served as the institution's first president. The inauguration was held in connection with the annual meeting of the seminary's board of trustees, who also witnessed the graduation of 12 students, largest class in the school's history. The seminary, which opened its first session on July 15, 1962, in the Chinese Baptist Church of Baguio with seven students, this year registered a record 64 students, 22 more than during the preceding year.

Dr. Leroy Stringfield will join the Judson College staff in Marion, Ala., this fall as assistant professor of religion. The Kentwood, La. native holds degrees from Louisiana State University and New Orleans Seminary. He is currently pastor of Westwood Church, Westlake, La. and teacher of Old Testament theology at the Seminary Extension Center in Lake Charles. Dr. Stringfield has also held churches in Magnolia, Miss., Tangipahoa, La., and Silas, Alaska.

APPOINTED NEW DIRECTOR OF CITRONELLE ASSEMBLY



Glenn L. Vernon

Glenn L. Vernon, a 1966 graduate of Mississippi College, has been appointed director of the Citronelle Baptist Assembly which is owned and operated by the Mobile Baptist Association in Alabama.

Mr. Vernon is principal of the Magnolia School, McIntosh, Alabama. Prior to July of 1966 he lived in Mainz, Germany for 3 1/2 years. While in Germany he taught in the Army Education Center at Wackernheim and served as administrative assistant to the executive secretary of the Overseas Education Association. In Mainz he was music and education director of the

Mainz Baptist Church and served for two years as a member of the Executive Committee of the European Baptist Convention - English Language. From September 1964 until June 1966 he served as Youth Director for the European Baptist Convention.

For the school year 1961-62 he was on the speech and dramatic art faculty at Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C. He taught speech at Holmes Junior College, Goodman, Mississippi from 1956 through 1959. He has done graduate work at the University of North Carolina and the Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany.

While doing graduate work at the University of North Carolina he was the publicity director of the Carolina Playmakers, and was director of promotion and assistant to the manager of Paul Green's outdoor drama, "The Lost Colony" during the summers of 1961-62.

While a student at Mississippi College Mr. Vernon served the Cottage Hill Church, Mobile; Immanuel Church, Grenada; and West Jackson Church, Jackson, as music and education director.

Mr. Vernon is married to Sylvia Pauline Borg, a native of Southampton, England. They reside at Fairford, Alabama.



WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE professor Roy Hood, left above, expresses his appreciation to 1967 Carey graduate Howard Worth Newell who has just established an annual \$400 biology scholarship for the school in honor of Mr. Hood.

PITTSBURGH, PA. EDITOR SAYS

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS FILL VACUUM IN METROPOLITAN AREAS OF NORTH

By Robert Schwartz, Press Religion Editor
The Pittsburgh (Penn.) Press The concern which Jesus had for the multitudes, which He described as sheep without a shepherd, today is the concern of the Southern Baptist Church in the North.

The largest Protestant denomination in the world is making inroads in the population centers of the northern states — the metropolitan areas.

Here in Pittsburgh, Rev. Charles A. Jolly, pastor of the Pittsburgh Baptist Church, Dormont, is moderator of the Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Assn.

He also is president of the Pennsylvania - South Jersey Baptist Fellowship which has a target date of 1970 for becoming a new state convention.

Mr. Jolly, who came here in 1964 from Newport News,

Va., once was pastor of the College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, which ministered to Baptist midshipmen at the Naval Academy.

It was while he was there the church sponsored the first Southern Baptist work in New York City in 1958 when the Manhattan Baptist Church was organized with 99 members.

More than 100 congregations derived directly or indirectly from that church across New England. And in the Pittsburgh area in the last 10 years since the work started here, there are today eight churches and 13 chapels.

Population Centers Key To Future

Referring to his work at Annapolis, Mr. Jolly, a native of Mississippi, says "This is where I developed an interest in work in the North because of the work in New York City."

Pontotoc County To Hold First Evangelism Conference

Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, Secretary of Evangelism of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will direct the first Associational Conference on Evangelism to be held by the Pontotoc County Association, on June 25-27.

The Conference will be launched with a county-wide rally at First Church, Pontotoc, on Sunday, June 25, at 2:30 P.M. Dr. John Traylor, Pastor of Calvary Church, Tupelo, will be the speaker for the rally.

Day sessions on Monday and Tuesday will feature Bible Study, inspirational messages, and conferences on evangelism. The two speakers to be featured at the night sessions are Dr. Jack Stanton of the Home-Mission Board and Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis.

Among those assisting with

the planning and promotion of the program are Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Supt. of Missions, Rev. Kenneth Miles, Chairman of the Associational Evangelism Committee, and Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor of the host church and Moderator of the Association.



Dr. Gordon Sansing

Okolonan, is a son of the Rev. Joe L. Jolly and the late Mrs. Jolly. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. He has two brothers, a brother-in-law and a step, brother-in-law who are Baptist ministers. Lieutenant Colonel Joe Jolly Jr. is a Chaplain with the Air Force in Germany; Rev. Fred N. Jolly is pastor at West Hills Baptist Chapel in Pittsburgh; Rev. Hubert Hammett is at First Baptist Church, Santa Ana, California and Rev. Mack Rutledge is at Priceville Baptist Church, East Tupelo.

Charles' wife is the former Dorothy Faith Patterson, a graduate of Oklahoma High School. Her father, Rev. B. B. Patterson of Calhoun City, is a former pastor of Okolona First Baptist Church, and for over 30 years of missions.